

GRADUATING EXERCISES
Of The Baptist Female College,
1902

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Reading—"The Chariot Race," from "Ben Hur," by Gen. Lew Wallace, was the selection rendered by Miss Edith Powell. The scene of wild, noisy confusion incident to a race course was well set forth, and we could almost hear the clatter of the horses' hoofs while the race was in progress. The selection is one in which many gestures are required, and Miss Powell is peculiarly gifted in graceful, timely and expressive gesturing.

The next number was a piano solo by Miss Estella Orth. Her selection was from Beethoven, (op. 15, C Major.) She was accompanied on a second piano by Prof. Richter. The selection was full of pretty, catchy music, which she brought out in a very pleasing manner. In many parts very rapid work was required, and throughout the piece her touch was true and unhesitating. When the two pianos were going the time was so perfect that only a difference in the tone of the two instruments made it possible to distinguish any difference. Miss Orth is certainly a fine performer, and has honestly won the distinction of "B. M." which will adorn her diploma.

Reading—"Fra Giacomo," (Bucchanan) by Miss Maud McIntyre, was a repetition of the success she had won in the preceding selection. In this piece she carried on a dialogue and used her eyes to a very good purpose. Miss McIntyre is a graduate from the department of expression, and the diploma was best bestowed.

Reading—"Scene from Leah" (Daly) by Miss Edith Powell, reflected much credit upon her. Her acting was natural and expressive, the exciting passages of the piece calling into action her most vigorous gestures and loudest tones of voice. She is this year a graduate of the school of expression of B. F. C., and will prove an honor to her alma mater.

Vocal Solo—"Recitative and Scene from Freischutz (Weber) by Miss Ethel Gibbs was a very difficult selection, but no vocal piece seems difficult to her. She sings without apparent effort and skips an octave easily, always giving a clear true tone to every note. She is a general favorite with all who know her, and has sung her way into the hearts of all. We are glad to be able to announce that Miss Gibbs will be one of the teachers in the vocal department next year, and we predict that she will be as popular as a teacher as she has been as a pupil.

Pantomime—"Zigarella," by Miss Maud McIntyre, was "a story without words." To the gentle tinkling tones of the piano she came upon the stage dressed in the costume of a Gypsy flower girl. Without speaking a word, but by expressive acts she tells of her childhood life spent among leopard, wild cat and mountain peak; of her passionate love for Don Jose; of the arrival of Egypta, a fortune teller, who, by her wiles, wins Don Jose from her; of how on a wild night, a lightning flash reveals to her Egypta, clasped in Don Jose's arms; how mad with rage she sees her pet lion on the pair; repents and in vain tries to recall him; Don Jose is borne to the ground—Egypta with her dirk fights off the lion; he returns, crouches ready to spring upon the horrified Zigarella; she vainly tries to soothe him; fights her way back to the sea—springs in the water and is saved.

"Welcome Spring," Denza, by the chorus class, was full of melody. Every part was so well sustained that we scarcely noticed the absence of a few bass voices. We were sorry when the sweet song came to an end.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.
Commencement exercises of B. F. C. were held at the opera house Wednesday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. The house was well filled with the pupils and the patrons and friends of the school.

The exercises were opened with a song by the chorus class of the school. This class consists of about twenty-five young ladies, and any song rendered by them would be musical. This song was a delightful one.

Elder E. J. Fenstermacher, pastor of the Christian church, delivered the invocation.

President White made a short speech, introducing Hon. James A. Reed, mayor of Kansas City, who was to make the address to the graduating class. He complimented Mr. Reed by comparing him to the man that old Diogenes sought for, but had not found

at last accounts. Mayor Reed said that in order to maintain his reputation as an orator, and to maintain President White's reputation for truth and veracity, he would have to make his address very short. He was afraid he could not live up to his reputation. He told of a man who had longed to see Niagara Falls, and at last had a chance to visit that wonderful place. When he returned home his friends asked him what he thought of the falls. He replied that he had fallen into the hands of the backmen, and found that they were so much higher than the falls that it made them appear insignificant. He said he did not know how to address a class of girls, yet he would try to tell them something, hoping that they would impart the information to some stupid boy, and that it might make him a good citizen. He said he did not deal in compliments of alabaster necks, and cheeks that put roses to the blush, and azure eyes that rivaled the skies, and lips that were redder and more luscious than cherries; but he wanted to make a plain, practical talk to the young ladies and to the audience. Woman gets man into more scrapes than his philosophy can get him out of, and then she sticks closer to him than any other creature on earth.

That we now have a free government is no indication that we will always remain free. It will remain free only so long as the people remain true to themselves. The tendency of all legislation now is to enlarge the powers of the government and to decrease the power of the people. The first step taken toward the downfall of Rome was the accumulation of large wealth in the hands of the few; then the land began to pass from the ownership of the people, and the fabric of Rome tumbled down, crushing the intelligence of the world. I do not deny any man the right to accumulate wealth by his own industry and frugality, but I deprecate the law which takes the wealth from one man's pocket and confers it upon another. The United States has such laws. It is not in accordance with the principle of "equal rights to all and special privileges to none," to take one man's patrimony and bestow it upon another.

I am opposed to wealth which is created by statute. It is well to ask ourselves where we are drifting? If a man rides on the river all day he will lose all sense of motion. So we do not seem to know that we are drifting rapidly away from our old principles, nor do we know the extent of our drift until we begin to look for some historical point, and find that we are far away from it. I want to warn you now against the aggressions of corporate power. Our forefathers were almost in despair because there were eighty corporations in the state of New York. Now, one day's work of one corporation in New Jersey is equal to all the eighty corporations which scared our fathers, and the capital of one New Jersey corporation is equal to the combined capital of the eighty New York concerns. These corporations are the creatures of law.

Time was when a young man with brain and brawn was independent. He did not have to put up with insult or mistreatment by his employer. He could go anywhere and sell his labor. But now if a man is discharged from one factory he finds all the factories closed against him. He must put up with the insults of his employer or lose his job. These corporations are drawing the life blood of our industries, and in a short time will be able to control every industry in North America. One corporation last year declared a dividend equal to all the wheat, corn, cattle, hogs—all the products of the great state of Missouri. Such institutions control their employees, and the friends of the employees, because these employees know that if they are discharged they cannot get employment in the same line of work. Great wealth is selfish. Give a corporation power to pass laws, and how long will it be before it will be seeking to control the votes of its employees? When that time comes there will arise an aristocracy of wealth which will be worse than an aristocracy of blood.

The question of transportation has always been an important one. He who controls the highways of a country controls its industries. As far back as the time of the Roman government this fact was recognized, and the Roman government controlled the highways, and held them in trust for the people. England wrote this principle in her constitution, that the highways must belong to the government. We have departed from this principle, and have allowed railroads to be built by private wealth. This gives them control of transportation. This gives the road power to build up the fortunes of one man and tear down others. It means

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the concentration of power in a few hands; it means that a few men may meet in New York or Chicago and decide whether St. Louis or Kansas City shall prosper or decline. This is more power than is possessed by the government of the United States. The time is at hand when the highways must be taken by the government and conducted for the benefit of all the people.

Some people object to government control of railroads on the ground that the party in power would entrench itself so that it could not be removed. I do not agree with this argument. If republicans were in power, and would put all the offices and all the work in the hands of republicans; or if democrats were in power and should do the same thing, there would only be the same number of republicans or democrats as before. I have confidence that these men would be Americans first. I have more confidence in the worst president of the United States than I have in the best railroad president.

It is high time for us to cease granting special privileges. The time is rapidly approaching when young men must look to some employer for a means of making a living. The time is past when a young man can take his wife and go west and settle down on a farm and begin life. The glory of our country is in its independent citizens. As long as there was a market for muscle and brain, our men could be independent. When the market for muscle and brain is closed, and a man understands that he must submit to insult from his employers, he loses his independence. A man with wife and children depending upon him, will have to bow his neck to the yoke. It is time for young people to awaken to a knowledge of the fact that they still have the power in their own hands, and I appeal to you as an American citizen that you think well on these things. So long as we are independent, these valleys and hills will blossom with happy homes, and colleges and seminaries will dot the land. I have not lost faith in my countrymen. We have proven our ability to solve every prob-

lem that has arisen, and I believe we will be able to solve every one that may arise. We solved the great problem of slavery, and endured four years of war and carnage; and I say today to the federal and to the confederate soldier alike, we solved it right. Our flag yet floats, and may the last breeze that sweeps over our hills and valleys carry the banner of our country.

The address occupied half an hour, and the above quotations are but a poor synopsis of what was said.

President White publicly thanked Mayor Reed for the address. He said that in all his life he had never heard such an appropriate and timely address to a class of lady graduates. He did not like the ordinary run of sentimental speeches. He thought the female mind was fitted for better things, and was glad that the class had heard a discussion of the living issues of the day.

President White then presented to each member of the class a diploma. Following is a list of the graduates:

Literary Department—Etta Louise Rice, A. B.; Elizabeth Chiles, A. B.; Mary Elizabeth Brown, B. L.; Claudia May Turner, B. L.

Certificates in English—Elizabeth Chaffin and Irene Anderson.

Department of Music—Estelle Gertrude Orth, B. M. and Neile Marshall, M. M.

Department of Expression—Maud Elizabeth McIntyre, B. O. and Sarah Edith Powell, B. O.

Department of Art—Lillian Ingram Cromwell.

Business Department—Mary Belle Hays.

After presenting the diplomas, President White made a short address to the class, referring to the sorrows of separation, but telling the girls that B. F. C. sends them forth with confidence to meet the duties of life, and with his last words he wished to re-impress on their minds the great truth which he had taught during the term, that the chief end of man is to glorify God. Live as He would have you to live, and there can be no question about your future happiness and usefulness. President White then referred to col-

lege affairs; spoke of the recent fire, which had done the college good in stead of harm, as it had developed the dormant love of the people of Lexington and the whole state for the old school. He said many improvements would be made this summer.

He then referred to some changes which would be made in the faculty, and referred feelingly to the voluntary retirement of Prof. Richter, who goes with the love and good will of all the faculty and pupils. He rejoiced to announce that the services of Prof. H. H. Savage, of Virginia, had been secured, who comes with the very best testimonials, both from schools and from private individuals.

Miss Fish, vocal teacher, will also retire, and Miss Ethel Gibbs will fill her place. Miss Gibbs needs no introduction to a Lexington audience. She has been connected with the school for two or three years, and is a social favorite with all who know her. As to her ability as a vocalist there is no question, as her brilliant and easy execution of the most difficult music has so often captivated all who have been so fortunate as to hear her. She will spend the summer in New York, studying under Doctor Shakespeare, of London. We feel like congratulating B. F. C. on the acquisition of Miss Gibbs, who has so often been tried, and who has always proven equal to every emergency.

Miss Kreber will also retire this year, and be succeeded by Miss Carlotta Newbrandt. This is hardly a change in the faculty, as Miss Newbrandt has heretofore held the place, and temporarily retired on account of her health. She will simply be re-instated in her old position. In announcing the retirement of the above mentioned teachers President White took occasion to compliment them for their faithful and efficient work, and to commend them to the people, wherever their lot may be cast.

And now, at the close of the most successful school year that B. F. C. has had in many years, the INTELLIGENCER takes the opportunity to congratulate the people of Lexington on having such an institution in this city. A large and successful school is a great advantage to our city, and we feel sure that B. F. C. has safely passed over the sand bars, and will hereafter have clear sailing. The ability and business integrity of Messrs. White and Cook have added wonderfully to the popularity of the school, and the universal verdict of the pupils is, that the home life of the school has never been equaled. May old B. F. C. continue to grow and to flourish until we shall hear again and again the cry: "Make way; give me room."

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As pretty a room as can be found in the city is the cafe of Ervin Haekker. It has been remodeled throughout and Mr. Haekker certainly deserves credit for his energy. He is up-to-date with all the delicacies of the season. Edwin Haekker is the originator of the design in which the room is finished.

Half Interest Sold.
Mr. E. N. Hopkins has purchased a half interest in the INTELLIGENCER plant and will assume editorial charge of the paper about the first of July. The business of the office has grown continuously since I assumed management about fifteen months ago, yet I feel that there is room for greater achievement in the future. So imperative are demands for the fulfillment of duties connected with the office I felt that two heads and two pairs of willing hands were better than one, hence my conclusion to sell. It is unnecessary to write commendatory words of Mr. Hopkins. He is known by the people of Lafayette county as a man of culture, fine educational attainment and unquestioned business integrity. The idea of Mr. Hopkins and myself shall be to push higher in the world of journalism, ever keeping in mind the welfare of the people of the county and of the state. As in the past, we will continue to turn out the best class of work from our job department, add new material when necessary and keep abreast of the times.

With these remarks I place the facts of the recent sale by me and purchase by Mr. Hopkins of a half interest in this office before the people of the county and every promise made will be strictly lived up to. The war on unjust taxation and inequality of political conditions will be continued and the INTELLIGENCER will remain a friend to the masses as against encroachments of the classes.
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